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## Forward Rebels: Fire Boone

*This is Part I of a two-part series highlighting the Forward Rebels campaign. Today focuses on Athletic Director Pete Boone, and tomorrow will focus on the advertising campaign and the organization in general.*



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Lee Habeeb, Forward Rebels spokesman, speaks at a Tea Party meeting in October.

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After 14 years on and off as the University of Mississippi athletic director, the Forward Rebels believe the best thing Pete Boone can do for the program is resign.

From 1995 to 1998 and from 2002 to the present, which includes Boone's terms, the Ole Miss football team has gone 81-84 overall and 39-71 in Southeastern Conference play. Lee

Habeeb, Forward Rebels spokesman, said the blame for the poor play should go directly to the top, not with the coaches or the players.

"He runs a very complex business in one of the highest profile athletic conferences in the country," Habeeb said. "If the leadership at the top is bad, it can impact all other leaders — and thus, we believe we must always start at the top when it comes to effecting to change."

Habeeb said the goal behind the Forward Rebels advertising campaign is to ask for Boone, the leader of the athletic administration, to be fired based on his mediocre performance in leading the department.

"He has a winning percentage in the SEC in the big three sports well below 50 percent and is paid over \$400,000 per year," Habeeb said of the record in the for baseball, basketball and football.

Boone's SEC winning percentage for the regular season for baseball, basketball and football, including bowl games, is approximately 45 percent. Boone will make \$429,287 this year.

"Maybe a new set of eyes, a new leader, might inspire more confidence in the fans, coaches, athletes and donors," he said. "Call us crazy!"

Habeeb said since starting the campaign, the Forward Rebels have learned and claim to have verified that many donors are no longer giving to Ole Miss

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## What you should know about Proposition 26 before Voting



### Initiative 36: Definition of a Person

#### Proposed Ballot Title:

Should the term "person" be defined to include every human being from the moment of fertilization, cloning, or the equivalent thereof?

#### Proposed Ballot Summary:

Initiative 26 would amend the Mississippi Constitution to define the word "person" or "persons," as those terms are used in Article III of the state constitution, to include every human being from the moment of fertilization, cloning, or the functional equivalent thereof.

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Although the discussion about Initiative 26 has been exhausted, it is still important to understand both sides of the issue before deciding to vote for or against it.

To set the record straight, the initiative says, "I would like to submit the language below as an amendment to the constitution: Section 33.

Person defined. As used in this Article III of the state constitution, the term 'person' or 'persons' shall include every human being from the moment of fertilization, cloning or the functional equivalent thereof."

Most people for Initiative 26 have made their choice through religious convictions. They feel strongly about their

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## Rebels collapse; Nutt's hot seat reaches boiling point

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LEXINGTON, Ky. — Rumors, reports and all kinds of bad history abound in the wake of Ole Miss' fourth-quarter collapse Saturday.

With the 30-13 loss at Kentucky, the Rebels' Southeastern Conference losing streak stands at 12 games, the longest in school history. And, for the first time since 1950, Ole Miss has lost to Vanderbilt and Kentucky in the same season.

Suffice to say, there's uncertainty surrounding head coach Houston Nutt's future, or lack thereof, in Oxford.

"I don't know," Nutt said of being the head coach at Ole Miss next year. "I don't know. That's not for me to decide. I would like to be. I plan on being. But that's not for me to decide."

Amid swirling speculation, Nutt again addressed his job status in

his regularly scheduled weekly teleconference Sunday. He said nothing has changed; he has not met with Ole Miss administration, nor have any meetings been scheduled. He said that he will likely address his team regarding the rumors and reports. He will also undoubtedly be asked similar questions in his regularly scheduled weekly press conference today at 2 p.m.

As for the game Saturday, the Rebels (2-7, 0-6 SEC) clung to a 13-10 lead at the start of the fourth quarter before the Wildcats (4-5, 1-4 SEC) scored 20 unanswered points to end the game. The Rebels, who had been outscored 61-0 in the third quarter of losses to Alabama, Arkansas and Auburn, won the third-quarter battle Saturday. Junior quarterback Randall Mackey was a perfect 3-of-3 passing for 65 yards, including a 21-yard touchdown pass to freshman wide receiver Nickolas Brasell to give Ole Miss the lead in the third quarter.

In a losing effort, Mackey threw for 197 yards on 14-of-29 passing

with a touchdown, but he also threw an interception and was sacked three times.

In the fourth quarter, things unraveled for the Rebels. Kentucky outgained Ole Miss 152-78 and scored 20 unanswered points to erase the 13-10 deficit that had been built up in the first three quarters.

"We felt good about the sideline, everybody into it and making plays," Nutt said of the second half. "We just didn't make any in the fourth quarter to win this game, and that's what's really frustrating."

"I thought we really juiced up and went to another level in the third quarter. But bottom line, nothing is good enough when you don't win. Everything looks a little bit worse when you don't win."

Kentucky put up big plays in the passing game in the fourth quarter. Freshman quarterback Maxwell Smith, making his first career start, connected with junior La'Rod King for a 38-yard touchdown pass, but the missed extra point gave the Wildcats just



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Head coach Houston Nutt walks to midfield to shake hands with Kentucky head coach Joker Phillips after Saturday's 30-13 loss at Kentucky.

a 16-13 advantage. After trading punts, the Ole Miss offense looked to respond, but couldn't get out of its own way with two holding penalties and a false start before giving the ball right back to the Kentucky offense.

"We had our chances to win the game before that," Nutt said of the fourth quarter. "I thought we had our chances. We came out of the third quarter really well."

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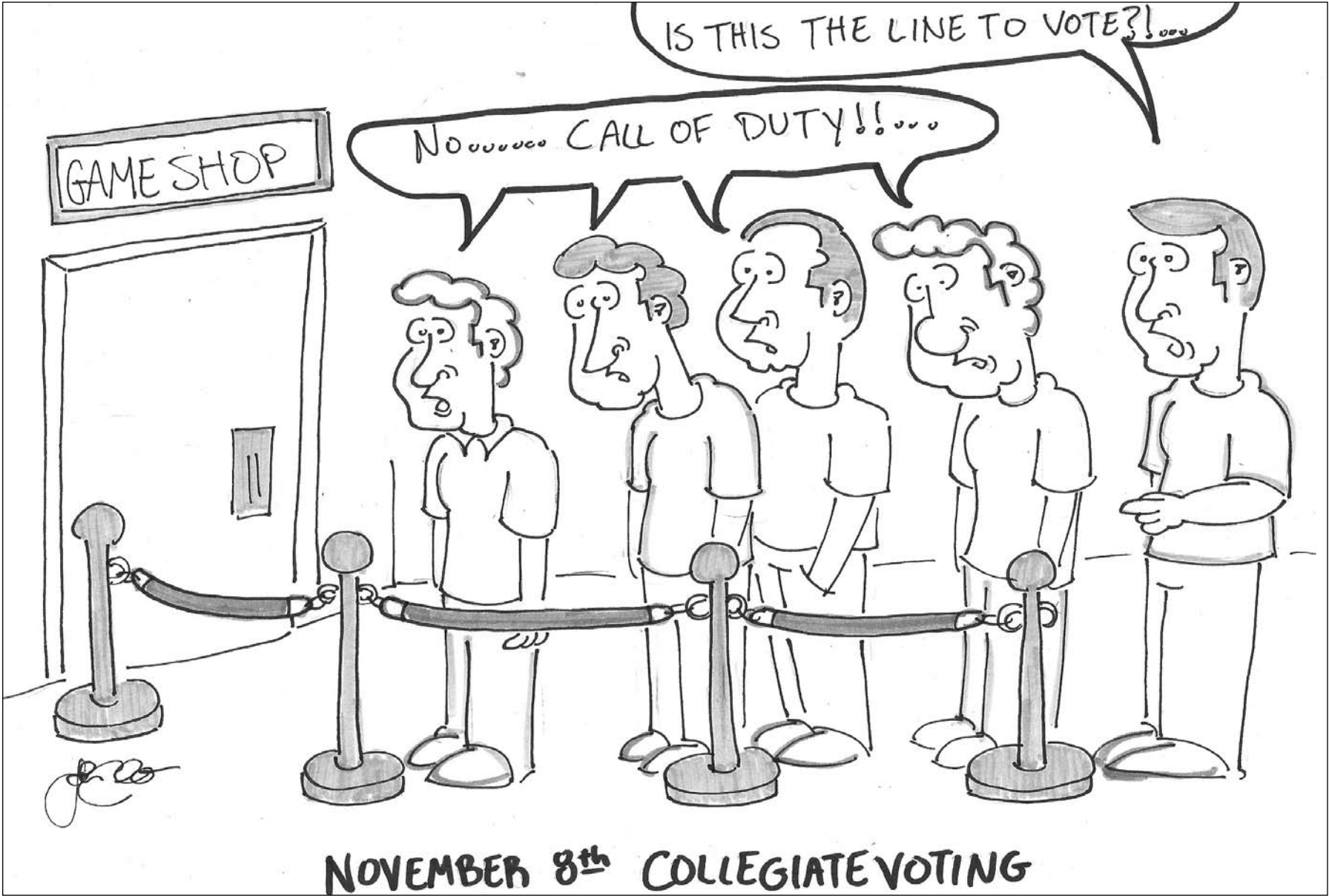
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Tweeting for bucks



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How'd you like to get \$10,000 or more per tweet?

Well, according to an article in The Clarion Ledger, if your last name is along the lines of Kardashian, Spelling or Dogg, you just might be able to pull it off.

It seems Twitter is revolutionizing the way merchants hawk their wares. Since their inception some five years ago, the online av-

enue for all things "tweetable" has transformed the way people shop, vote and start revolutions.

And now with celebrity endorsements finding their way onto the 140-character boxes, it's changing the entire business of famous recommendations with one carefully chosen word at a time.

The possibility of earning \$10,000 per post is a pretty good paycheck if you ask me. Of course, no one did, but, according to the AP story, that averages out to about \$71 per character. You probably get an extra grand for adding a smiley face or something. That would definitely encourage me to hone my tweeting skills to an art form.

But doesn't that kind of advertising limit the sponsor as far as who will see and read the posts? It's certainly only going to reach the people following that particular celebrity. But if you're singer Ray.J and you urge your 600,000 plus followers to see the movie "Saw 3D," as the article stated, you can pretty much count on your part of that \$10,000 being deposited directly into your bank account the second you add the hashtag.

The companies that advertisers hire to pair the right celebrity with the right product, Izea, Ad.ly and twtMob, the three named in the story, use a combination of software algorithms and Holly-

wood instinct to connect the two exactly.

Now I'm not sure about algorithms, but I've seen instincts used to a science on many occasions and I would have to agree with Ad.ly when they hired Charlie Sheen to tweet for internships. com in March, when Sheen was in the throes of getting fired from the sitcom Two and a Half Men.

The story said that within an hour of Sheen's first post, the website got more than 95,000 clicks. Sheen now has more than five million followers. Now that's instinct.

This form of celebrity endorsement paves the way for a whole new world in advertising, a brand

new age of digital awareness for merchants and Hollywood-types; and without us, the tweeting public, knowing it, a monumental discovery on our part as well.

It just proves, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that no matter where we go, no matter where we try to hide, no matter how many times we fast forward or surf the channels or mute the sound, we can never escape the inevitably, of that dratted thing we despise more than liver and onions (my own personal favorite thing to despise): the commercial!

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For quite some time, billboards across Mississippi have read, “Our children can’t read: ippississiM.”

It is difficult for many to imagine living in a world without the ability to read.

Lacking this ability has tremendous and adverse effects on individuals who seek to effectively communicate with friends, colleagues and family.

After reading an article published in this past week’s Clarion-Ledger entitled, “Mississippi math scores up on nation’s report

card,” I had mixed emotions — one of excitement and one of disappointment.

I was excited that we had improved our math scores significantly but sad that our reading scores were still at our 2009 levels. I am proud that we did not see a decline, but I believe we’re better than that.

To only live in a world of numbers and no words would be devastating to many of us. For a many of us, in our daily lives, we use words more than we do numbers. Words help us effectively communicate with one another and negotiate both written and verbal contracts.

It would be rather crazy for one to reject the view that the ability to read is one of the most important skills to acquire early on.

For Mississippi, fortunately, this

problem is not isolated to one state. Nationally, we’ve seen no progress in regards to reading scores, but in Mississippi we’ve seen modest to almost significant progress in terms of math scores.

As we move forward and work to find creative solutions to eliminating this complex issue, it is important to examine factors associated with student learning, specifically the ability to read.

While instruction in classrooms is important in terms of reading achievement, there are other important factors, like whether parents read to their children, and surprisingly how often a student reads on his or her own outside of school.

One might easily assume, based on recent and past reading scores, that students in Mississippi are spending less time reading on

their own.

This has proven to be true nationally, according to the National Center for Family Literacy. They argue, “Children spend five times as much time outside the classroom as they do in school, and our country has 30 million parents or caregivers who are not good readers themselves, so they pass illiteracy down to their children.”

In light of this view, it is OK for me to assume that in order for Mississippi to increase the number of children with the ability to read, it starts with breaking a repeating cycle that has been passed down from generation to generation, much like the cycle of poverty.

We must also recognize that children’s reading scores improve dramatically when their parents

are involved in helping them learn to read.

It is true that it takes a community to educate a child.

Studies have concluded that low family income and a mother’s lack of education are the two biggest factors that hamper a child’s early learning and development.

Mississippi leaders must recognize that literacy is essential to success in today’s economy, now more than ever.

If we are to drastically reduce the number of illiterate children in Mississippi, we must first seek to deconstruct the underlying factors associated with these repeating cycles.

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## Sects education



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Wherever I am today, I’m stoked to be here discussing crowd-pleasing topics like unplanned pregnancies, abortion and rape.

I haven’t been left with a line to cross here; I’ve seen a dead fetus plastered on a van drive by me on campus this year — it’s all out in the open now.

I’m not associated with Personhood USA, the Colorado-based group proposing Initiative 26 be passed here in Mississippi, or any other sect labeling itself “pro-life,” nor am I associated with any pro-choice sect.

First off, let’s discuss this pro-life misnomer being used by anti-abortion proponents. To

me, one who is pro-life is equally concerned with providing cheap, effective health care and ending wars as he or she is with stopping abortion.

“Life” may begin at conception, but it doesn’t end at birth.

The other extreme in this highly polarized debate, the hardcore pro-choice sect, are equally overzealous in their attempt to tell me exactly what to think.

But the most maddening aspect of the abortion debate is that both sides seem to have forgotten that the other exists. One sees potential in the fertilized egg and ignores the possible dreams of the mother; the other sees potential in the mother while downplaying the potential of the fertilized egg.

Now, the initiative in question, Initiative 26, is just a small block of text, especially when compared to the dialogue it has created. In short, it defines the moment of fertilization as the moment an egg becomes a “person.”

Now, rarely do I consider termination the most logical solution to an unplanned pregnancy, but in some cases it’s an option. It’s a moderate stance that I take because I know there are exceptions — some we should discuss.

First off: what happens to rape victims if Initiative 26 passes?

Personhood USA’s website (yeson26.net) says, “The Amendment will prevent a baby conceived through rape or incest from being executed for the crime,” meaning rape victims will be forced to carry to term if conception occurs.

Typically when a girl is raped the hospital will administer a drug such as “RU486” or “Plan B” — drugs that can expel fertilized eggs up to a few days after fertilization. While these drugs help ensure rape victims will not have to carry such a physical burden, Initiative 26’s website states “drugs such as RU487, which allow a baby to be conceived and then expelled, will

be outlawed.”

Initiative 26 could easily outlaw this fail-safe for rape victims.

And what about in-vitro fertilization? The Personhood amendment claims it would not outlaw IVF, but the amendment “would not allow unused embryos to be destroyed.” IVF is an expensive process, so many eggs are taken at one time in an attempt to come up with at least one healthy enough to be implanted.

If Initiative 26 passes, IVF will become an even more difficult and costly process — which could perhaps compromise the reproductive rights of certain couples.

Other factors play into a woman’s decision to terminate a pregnancy (her age, aspirations, health, child’s health), and there is too much grey area to try and pass such black and white legislation. This bill’s language is incredibly ambiguous.

Now consider this: nothing you can do — no law you can pass —

will put a stop to every abortion. If you vote ‘yes’ to make clinical abortions completely illegal in Mississippi tomorrow (they’re only “next to illegal” today), you’ll be voting ‘yes’ to more amateur abortions, which can lead to serious consequences.

If you care about solving the abortion problem, spend all of this money and energy educating our next generation so they know that procreation, not pleasure, is the primary function of sex. Education is the best way to squash a problem at its root.

So again, if you have this much energy to burn and care about life, spend your time educating instead of instilling fear. In time, the youth will learn how to avoid such a difficult situation, and life will be that much easier for everyone else.

It’s your choice.

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Mayor and NPHC team up for a clean community

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Oxford Mayor Pat Patterson and a group of University of Mississippi students teamed up this past weekend to make the city of Oxford cleaner and a little more beautiful.

At 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning, Patterson, along with a group of National Pan-Hellenic Greek Organizations led by assistant dean Valerie Ross, participated in an event to help clean up litter in Oxford.

The group of a few dozen were accompanied by two Oxford police officers and two university police officers to clean up trash on major thoroughfares.

The group focused specifically on Highway 6, cleaning on the median and the sides of the road within city limits.

The idea originated from the university and the mayor's office in anticipation of the university's homecoming.

"The idea came up quick because homecoming is next week and Dr. Ross helped out tremendously," Patterson said.

The turnout to the event was all university-related and included members of the Divine Nine of the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

"I found out about the event through the National Pan-



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Students and members of the Divine Nine clean up along the side of Highway 6 and other areas of Oxford on Saturday morning. The mayor and students team up Saturday morning to make the city of Oxford a little cleaner.

Hellenic Council," Lisa Bennett, a criminal justice junior, said. "It just has to be done. If we don't get out and do it, who will?"

The highway clean up was nothing new to these sororities and fraternities. The Greek organizations regularly practice community service by cleaning up around town.

"We always do highway pick up, so why not come by and do it?" said Laquida Johnson,

a biology senior and president of Zeta Phi Beta. "If the mayor wants the help, then we're here to help."

The event overall found success in the numbers of students who came out in the cold for the clean up.

"The turn out for this event was excellent," Patterson said. "Just look around. We are proud and so thankful for such a great group of young people."

City strives for downtown parking solutions



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The price for parking on the Square will soon be handled with electronic devices. These devices will be able to tell when a car pulls up to the parking space and when a car leaves.

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The Oxford Board of Aldermen approved the ordinance for the creation of the Downtown Parking Advisory Commission.

The commission will be responsible for creating parking structures, parking fees and parking permits within the city and on the Square.

It will also make suggestions that will be sent to the board for approval.

Mayor Pat Patterson said that the commission has not come to a decision yet on the price of parking fees, but there will be charges to park, applied through a kiosk.

The commission has not yet discussed parking permits.

Parking fees will be done electronically by installing an electronic sensor in parking spaces. The sensor will be able to tell when a car pulls into a parking space.

Patterson said there are various ways to charge for parking.

Brittany Vaughn, a broadcast journalism senior, does not think there should be parking fees.

"I don't think parking fees would solve the problem," she said. "If I were given a ticket, I would just push it aside until I needed to take care of it. Regardless of getting a fee for parking in an unauthor-

ized place or not, I'm going to park there. Where else would I park?"

Though parking fees will be enforced, Patterson said the aldermen are trying to create free parking as well.

"We are trying to keep some free parking," he said. "Those decisions will be up to the commission."

Patterson said the revenue generated from parking fees will be returned to the commission and go toward building parking structures, such as a parking garage.

"We are hoping to use revenues from where you pay for parking and sooner or later build a garage," he said.

Patterson said the parking garage would most likely be located behind City Hall or the Oxford University Club.

Vaughn said a parking garage should be built.

"It would create a more established area for the citizens of Oxford to park," she said.

Since there are not any parking structures, Patterson said the homecoming game traffic will be handled like it always has.

"That's been a problem for a number of years," he said. "It's getting increasingly harder to find a place to park or to even drive around the Square. It's a very good problem to have, so we're working on solutions to that."



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# Oxford Crime Report goes print

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Don't want everyone to see your mug shot from the weekend?

The Oxford Crime Report, a website that provides people with information on recent crimes in the area, recently made that goal more difficult if you get caught, expanding to a print version.

"We are printing because we have to afford to continue to get this information out," Tim Summers, the website's co-creator, said. "Not everyone has a computer, not everyone knows how to go online to check the website."

Summers said he has to pay the jail to obtain the mug shots that go in the paper.

He said he started the website because the newspapers receive emails from the Oxford Police Department, University Police Department and the Sheriff's office about all of the crimes that take place in Oxford.

Most of them, like DUIs, do not make the papers, so Summers developed a way to let

people know what was happening and how many arrests occur.

Summers said he hoped this would help cut down on arrests because people will be embarrassed if others know they were arrested and see their mug shot.

"It's really interesting; I would definitely be embarrassed if that happened to me," Katie Priest, an education sophomore, said.

"Oxford is a lot bigger than you think," Summers said.

Not only are there more students than ever, there are also more people coming to visit for games, to visit their children or just to visit for the weekend.

Summers said with more people come more crimes, and the Oxford Crime Report is here to make people aware of them.

The first print edition of the Oxford Crime Report was released Sept. 16 and consisted of eight pages of 24 mug shots.

The pictures were chosen from over 70 crimes committed from the previous week. The more crimes that occur, the larger the issues will be, Summers said.

"The publication will be an endless opportunity for entertainment," Katherine Westfall, a psychology sophomore, said. "I feel bad for people who are in there, but at the same time, they should not have done what they did to get arrested."

Summers said he is hoping they will be able to publish these reports weekly, but that depends on what is going on in Oxford.

Sometimes there are just not many things going on in Oxford, like trials, court or arrests.

"I love it! I think it's a wonderful public service for one, and maybe it will deter some DUIs," journalism videographer Mykki Netwtton said.

"People won't want their name to show up in the publication."

Right now, the paper is available at the Texaco on South Lamar, but the Brittany Store on Jackson Avenue will carry it soon.

Summers said it will be sold to people going to and from the games, and on the Square as well. The paper is available for \$1.

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religious beliefs and have made their decisions accordingly.

Their basis for advocating the initiative is simple: all life should be valued from the moment of fertilization. Many people support this idea and will express that opinion in the polls.

Another key argument for supporters is that it would ban abortion in the state of Mississippi. Although the state of Mississippi has only one abortion clinic, the people are clearly pro-life and against abortion at all cost. They feel that Proposition 26 is progress toward ending abortion in Mississippi.

University of Mississippi political science professor Cy Rosenblatt, a proponent of Initiative 26, said he is glad the issue is actually making Mississippians think critically about the way they feel on such "touchy" issues.

Supporters of the initiative include Personhood USA (the chief donor to the initiative), the Christian Mental and Dental Association and the Personhood Yes on 26 campaign.

Opposition to this initiative seems to be more worried about the consequences of the initiative. They stress the reality that if the initiative passes, it could open the door to an entirely different kind of lawsuit and would eventually take away basic medical procedures, including in vitro fertilization and the use of most forms of birth control, while also banning abortion.

Some Mississippi clergy have also spoken out against the initiative. On the Episco-

pal church website, Bishop Duncan Grey III said, "The legal nightmares arising from this legislation are also very real."

The word 'person' is used over 9,400 times in the Mississippi Annotated Code and the implications for mass confusion and decades of legal challenges over every use of the term are staggering."

Grey is also against the initiative because of the "unintended consequences of this legislation."

Anne Babson, former Action Vice President of the National Organization for Women-New York City and current English Ph.D student at Ole Miss, said this initiative was a "rights-robbing amendment." She emphasized the idea that the government should never be able to interfere with the most personal and important process within a woman's life.

The Mississippi State Medical Association, the Mississippi Nurses Association, Parents against MS 26 and Planned Parenthood have all spoken out against the proposition.

"It seems to me that this initiative would do more harm than good, so I can't help but be against it," James Howard, an undecided freshman, said.

Others, however, are hoping to outlaw abortion.

"I'm only voting yes because I'm against abortion," Hunter Burrell, an engineering freshman, said. "I feel like this is the only chance to outlaw abortion through legislation."

Research and critical thinking are required when deciding moral things like Initiative 26.

It is important to understand both sides before casting a ballot.

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FILE PHOTO | The Daily Mississippian  
Athletic Director Pete Boone

because Boone is there. This includes three fans who Habeeb did not name, who would have given \$5 million to Ole Miss since 2009.

"That money has been withheld because the people don't think he is the best man to manage this very large and complex department — and it is a big department with a \$40 million-plus budget," Habeeb said.

Part of the problem has been the hiring and firing of coaches, Habeeb said.

Boone ran off Tommy Tuberville (25-20, 12-20 SEC), who left the team to coach at Auburn University after previously claiming that he would have to be dragged out of Ole Miss in a pine box, according to the Forward Rebels campaign.

In his second term as athletic director, Boone fired David Cutcliffe (44-29, 25-23 SEC, four bowl wins overall, but had a 4-7 record in 2004), hired and fired Ed Orgeron (10-25, 3-21 SEC) and then hired Houston Nutt (24-23, 10-20 SEC).

Former players, including Jerrell

Powe and Romaro Miller, have also come out speaking against Boone's leadership style.

"By any objective standard, he has done a poor job," Habeeb said. "He has had plenty of chances to hire and fire coaches. It's his time this time."

Habeeb said gauging the performance of the coaches is tough, especially when their leadership has not been the best.

"But coaches are not exempt from demands for excellence in any case," he said. "So, we say let's start cleaning house at the top first, then let that new leader make the other tough decisions."

The Forward Rebels group has also been looking at how Boone got hired in the first place, and furthermore, how he returned in 2002.

"We learned that the average SEC athletic administrator had 15 years experience before getting the top job, and Pete Boone had little to none — none of any substance that we could find," Habeeb said. "We have learned nothing about the search process that led to his rehiring, and it is not easy getting at that information. We keep asking the administration for answers, and they have none."

If Boone were to resign or be fired, Habeeb said the Forward Rebels would still be around.

"We want to support the next leader and rally the fans to support the change — and most importantly, give the new leader time to effect change," he said. "We also want to make sure the new leader is hired outside the good ol' boy network."

"We want to ensure that we don't just hire a former Ole Miss employee or someone our administration knows."

Habeeb said there are many people who would love a chance to run an athletic program in the SEC.

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# Over 250 individuals walk for suicide prevention

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Every 40 seconds someone in the world commits suicide.

Once a taboo topic, suicide is now being brought into light as more and more individuals take action to increase suicide prevention awareness throughout their communities.

With a temperature of 45 degrees and the sun in the sky, the second annual Out of the Darkness Community Walk was held Saturday on the University of Mississippi campus. More than 250 individuals participated in the community walk that began in front of the Lyceum and continued through campus for about three miles.

Volunteer Bethany Aiena said there are two purposes of the walk.

“Locally, we want to bring mental health and suicide prevention awareness to the community and to provide a healing event for those who have lost someone to suicide,” she said. “Nationally, the walk helps to raise funds to support the foundation’s mission and core strategies.”

The day began at 9 a.m. with

several speakers, including Mayor Pat Patterson, who shared why the walk was important to him personally. Joshua Hamer read a poem titled “Forever Young” by Lacey Bishop, and Tania Hatfield spoke of the day she lost her father to suicide.

“The pain hasn’t weakened; I’ve grown strong enough to bear it,” Hatfield said.

Scott Gustafson, director of the Ole Miss Psychological Services Center, was the emcee for the event. Gustafson began by acknowledging all the teams that signed up for the race. One little girl jumped up and down cheering while all team names were called.

Unlike this past year, this year’s event featured lunch for the walkers, a silent auction and a memorial wall where people could pin up the names or pictures of the loved ones they had lost. There was a children area, as well as a “dog station.”

Participants of the walk sipped on complimentary coffee, ate large donuts and wore beads around their neck, symbolizing their relationship with suicide. While most participants wore blue beads symbolizing their overall support for the cause of



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Students line up after registering for the Out of the Darkness walk to get their T-shirts and wrist bands on Saturday. The walk was a way to bring suicide into the light and make more people aware.

suicide prevention, some walked with colors of gold, white and green representing the loss of a parent, the loss of a child and an individual’s own struggle with suicide.

To those who have never suffered with suicide or known someone who has suffered with suicide, it can be confusing to

try to understand why such a large event would be dedicated to the cause of prevention.

“Stigma and shame are associated with mental health issues and suicide,” Aiena said. “This walk helps to raise awareness and get the word out there so individuals are not embarrassed or ashamed to reach out

for help. Through this we’re hoping both people who have lost loved ones because of suicide or those who have considered it themselves know that they are not alone.”

Organizers of the event plan to keep the walk going and look forward to a continued growth of support.

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We finally put together a drive in the third quarter and got ahead. We felt good about that. Then we had some critical, critical penalties that just cost you. I mean, that drive was to win the game. We’re moving the ball and that’s just frustrating.”

On the Wildcats’ next drive, Smith found King again for a 55-yard completion to set up first-and-goal from the Rebels’ six-yard line. Two plays later, Kentucky found the end zone on an eight-yard touchdown pass to junior wide receiver Gene McCaskill to extend the lead to 23-13. For

the game, Smith completed 19 of 36 passes for 283 yards with two touchdowns. He found success, especially late, with the deep ball against the Ole Miss secondary.

“I felt like that was the strength of this quarterback,” Nutt said. “When (Morgan) Newton went down and we found out (Maxwell Smith) was going to play, we knew that was his strength. Hand the ball off and throw a good deep ball. We knew they’d max everything up (in protection) and throw some one-on-one routes. We were trying to stop the run and try to get them off the field, but we were putting ourselves in some one-on-one situations.”

On their next possession, Ole Miss turned the ball over on downs deep in its own territory. Then two plays later, Kentucky junior running back CoShik Williams found the end zone for the second time of the game on a 10-yard touchdown run. Williams finished with 111 yards on 25 carries, including an eight-yard touchdown run to give the Wildcats a 7-6 lead in the second quarter.

After the score, Mackey led a frantic drive down the field with a 37-yard completion to freshman wide receiver Collins Moore, followed by an 11-yard completion to junior tight end Jamal Mosley to move the ball inside the Wildcats’ 10-yard line. From there, however, the drive stalled and Ole Miss turned the ball over on downs for Kentucky to run out the clock.

On the stat sheet, it was an evenly played game. Kentucky

converted 20 first downs, while Ole Miss converted 19. In total yardage, Kentucky outgained Ole Miss just 398-392. The difference in the game, however, was penalties and missed opportunities in the early going.

The Rebels committed 11 penalties for 93 yards, including six penalties for 40 yards in the fourth quarter.

“When you’re good, you don’t have those penalties,” offensive coordinator David Lee said. “You have poise. You have experience. You have confidence. You sit there and you listen to your quarterback, and you go play. And we didn’t do it. To me, it was a direct result to losing the game.

“You have to score points and you can’t beat yourself,” Lee said. “And, today, I thought we beat ourselves.”

On the first two drives of the game, Ole Miss settled for two field goals before Kentucky responded with a touchdown and field goal in the second quarter. The first drive, which covered 66 yards in seven plays, ended when sophomore wide receiver James Logan dropped a would-be touchdown pass on third down.

On the second drive, which covered 61 yards in 12 plays, the Rebels had a three-yard touchdown called back when freshman wide receiver Donte Moncrief was called for offensive pass interference.

“We stopped ourselves, really, and we had a touchdown called back,” Nutt said of the two drives.

For Nutt, his staff and his play-



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Junior quarterback Randall Mackey is tackled for a big hit by Kentucky senior linebacker Ronnie Sneed in Saturday’s 30-13 loss. Mackey completed 14 of 29 passes for 197 yards with a touchdown and an interception.

ers, this fifth of November was not one to remember. It was another low point of a season high on drama, but short on results. And it doesn’t get any easier for Ole Miss. This Saturday, Ole Miss hosts Louisiana Tech, fresh off a 20-point win at Fresno State, followed by No. 1 LSU and then

at Mississippi State to finish out the season.

“We were counting on a win here,” Nutt said of this past Saturday. “It’s been a tough year. It’s been a very difficult year. I’m sure Louisiana Tech will feel like they can go up and down the field on us, so we got to a great job.”

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## MOVIE REVIEW

# Harold and Kumar return to take on Christmas

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It's been three years since we last heard from Harold and Kumar, and I don't think there's been any major outcry for another sequel, but here they are with "A Very Harold and Kumar 3D Christmas," anyway.

Set six years after their last adventure, "HK3" picks up with our affable stoner heroes, Harold (John Cho) and Kumar (Kal Penn), who are leading separate lives and haven't spoken to each other in a few years.

Harold is now married and a successful businessman trying to gain approval from his father-in-law (Danny Trejo).

Kumar is still a slacker and has sunk into a depression after his girlfriend left him.

The two reconnect after a package for Harold is accidentally sent to Kumar's apartment. After they set fire to Harold's father-in-law's prized Christmas tree, we're off to the races again with another over-the-top adventure.

Despite my general disinterest in anything to do with stoners, I absolutely loved the first Harold and Kumar movie.

It was funny and it had heart, and watching the two go through hell just to get to White Castle is still as enjoyable as it ever was.

"Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay" was good but hasn't held up as well in re-watches.

It was just too much, and the topical humor and syrupy sweet finale seemed out of place. I still liked it, though.

So I was one of the people really looking forward to a third Harold and Kumar adventure, even though I wasn't really expecting much from it.

I'm glad to say I was pleasantly surprised.

"HK3" is everything I would want out of a comedy. It's funny and never takes itself even remotely seriously.

It often goes over-the-top, but only rarely does that hinder the comedy, as I felt it did in the second film.

These movies work best when they are a balanced

combination of stoner, buddy comedy and Zucker brothers parody, and this one pulls it off nicely.

A particularly funny moment for me was one you'll miss if you blink. The opening of the film pokes fun at the "Occupy Wall Street" movement, with one of the protesters holding a sign that says "Wall Street Sucks!" with another sign right next to it that says "Wall Street 2 Sucks Harder!"

Little things like that make me laugh, but there are plenty of big comedic moments as well.

The obligatory Neil Patrick Harris cameo is much less crazy this time, but still funny.

"HK3" also works wonderfully as a Christmas movie. The movie is packed with Christmas spirit (Harold's decorations would make Clark Griswold jealous), and for that I sort of wish it had been released about a month later because we're barely a week past Halloween. Not that it matters, I guess. They've had Christmas decorations out at Walmart since July.

Anyway, the movie is certainly as raunchy and of questionable taste as its predecessors, but it still has a sweet side. Unlike the last movie, though, it actually fits here. The more warm-hearted moments never seemed out of place or forced.

I was very impressed with how "HK3" handled the dreaded 3D.

If you've read my columns before, you likely know of my burning hatred for 3D, because most of the time, it's just a way to get more money out of you, and it's often done poorly, at that.

"HK3" has a lot of fun with the gimmick, and it's very well done, technically speaking.

Even though Cho and Penn's careers (as well as Harris') have grown past these characters, it's still fun to see them come back and have fun with it.

The supporting cast is great as well. Trejo, as the stern father-in-law who has an almost psychotic love of Christmas, was particularly amusing. Thomas Lennon (Lt. Dangle

from "Reno 911!") was also a great addition to the cast.

The supporting characters never overstay their welcome, though, as they often did in the second film. These movies are all about the two main characters, and Cho and Penn still carry them quite well.

I was a little disappointed that Christopher Meloni didn't return. He played a different freakishly oddball character in each of the previous two movies, and I kind of missed that.

"A Very Harold and Kumar 3D Christmas" has a lot going on for it, and though it's hardly for everyone, it's a great Christmas comedy and a welcome return for our modern versions of Bill and Ted or Wayne and Garth.

Harold and Kumar go through every conceivable holiday disaster in this movie and come out better on the other side. They even meet the real Santa Claus who, of course, smokes from a candy-cane bong.

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# Auto Preview: 2012 BMW 3 Series

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The sixth generation, code-named F30, BMW 3-series sedan will hit dealerships this February, and it will be a little bigger, a little lighter and will jump on the eco-train with a hybrid variant.

Let’s start with the heart of the 3 series, the engines. Both the engines for the 2012 3-series will utilize BMW’s TwinPower Turbo technology, which, despite its name, has just one turbocharger.

The engine on the new 328i will see the return of a four-cylinder in the shape of the N20 2.0-liter engine first seen on the Z4 sDrive28i and the new 528i. The engine makes 245 horsepower with 258 lb-ft of torque, which peaks at 1,250 rpm. This is good enough to propel the new 328i to 60 mph in about 5.7 seconds, about 0.3 seconds faster than the outgoing 328i’s naturally aspired six-cylinder.

The 335i will continue to use the N55 3.0-liter in-line six cylinder engine that makes an unchanged 300 horsepower and 300 lb-ft of torque.

Thankfully, a six-speed manual transmission will return as the standard transmission on both models, but BMW will now offer an eight-speed automatic to replace the six-speed unit.

The first run of 3-series sedans will be rear-wheel drive with the xDrive all-wheel drive version becoming available in the summer of 2012.

Both engines are expected to get better fuel economy for 2012. Although EPA figures haven’t been released yet, you can expect to get a combined 33 mpg for the four-cylinder and around 28 mpg for the six-cylinder when coupled with the eight-speed automatic.

Because of American’s un-

adulterated hatred of diesel engines, we will not be getting the uber-efficient diesel engine of the 320d. Of special note is the 320d with the EfficientDynamics package. Its 163-horsepower, turbocharged four-cylinder can make up to 60 mpg highway when equipped with the eight-speed automatic.

Instead, we will get the new hybrid version of the 3-series called the ActiveHybrid 3, which will be released in fall 2012. It will combine the 3.0-liter six-cylinder (detuned to 306-horsepower) to a 55 horsepower electric motor for a maximum output of 340-hp.

BMW made sure to engineer the hybrid differently from the start to insure optimal packaging with the electric motor placed in between the engine and transmission and the battery pack conveniently located beneath the trunk floor.

Once again, EPA numbers haven’t been released. But based on EU test cycles, the hybrid should get a combined consumption around 32 mpg, which places it right in the middle of the 328i and 335i.

The wheelbase of the 2012 3-series has been stretched by three inches, and as such, the overall length has increased by about 3.7 inches.

The track has also been widened by 1.5 inches in the front and 1.8 inches in the back. Rear seat passengers benefit the most from the increased size, gaining leg room, knee room and head room.

Despite the added size, the new 3-series actually loses 88 pounds and will maintain the coveted 50:50 weight distribution.

The styling of the new 3-series fits right in with the 5-series with similar, slightly evolved styling. The front end is more wedge shaped than its



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predecessor’s with the headlights now extending to the iconic kidney grille, which itself has been modified. It now slants forward a little bit and has gotten a tad wider.

BMW also replaced the central air intake with two larger air intakes underneath the headlights that look similar to some Audi offerings. There are also small vertical intakes on the far left and right of the front bumper which create an “Air Curtain” that is supposed to improve airflow around the front wheels, thereby increasing aerodynamic efficiency.

The new 3-series also gets some added curves to its side profile, giving the 3-series a sporty yet elegant look.

The rear of the car keeps the familiar L-shaped taillights and is similar to the outgoing model with the exception of a more shapely rear bumper.

The 3-series will get electronic power steering similar to the 5-series. However, if you’re worried that the steer-

ing will be as numb as the unit in the 5-series, BMW is also going to offer an optional mechanical variable ratio steering system.

BMW will offer three different “equipment lines” for the 2012 3-series outside of the base model: sport, luxury and modern.

The sport line will include many exterior pieces painted in gloss black such as the kidney grille, exterior mirrors, B-pillar and inserts in the front apron. The interior also includes red stitching on the steering wheel, red trim rings around the dials and sport seats that come in four different colors.

The luxury line pretty much has everything in chrome that the sport line had in gloss black with the addition of chrome exhaust tips. It also includes wood trim for the dash as well as more chrome accents throughout the interior.

Available on any of the lines is the M sport package, which

will have to satisfy the enthusiast for the time being as the current M3 based will be in production for at least the next two years.

It includes a different aerodynamic package, 18-inch alloy wheels, M sport suspension and high-gloss, dark grey trim.

Also available on any of the lines is the M sport brakes, which are aluminum four-piston brakes up front and two-piston brakes at the rear with larger brake discs painted in a contrasting blue finish.

BMW has not released official prices on the sedan yet, but I don’t see any huge differences between the outgoing models.

The BMW 3-series made my “Best Buy” list for 2011 and has been the world’s best selling luxury car for some time, and with the added safety, efficiency, performance and good looks of the 2012 3-series, it’s not something that’s going to change in the near future.

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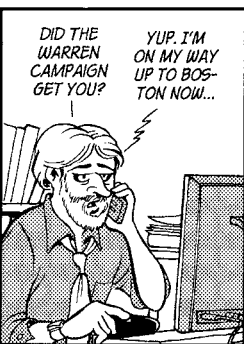
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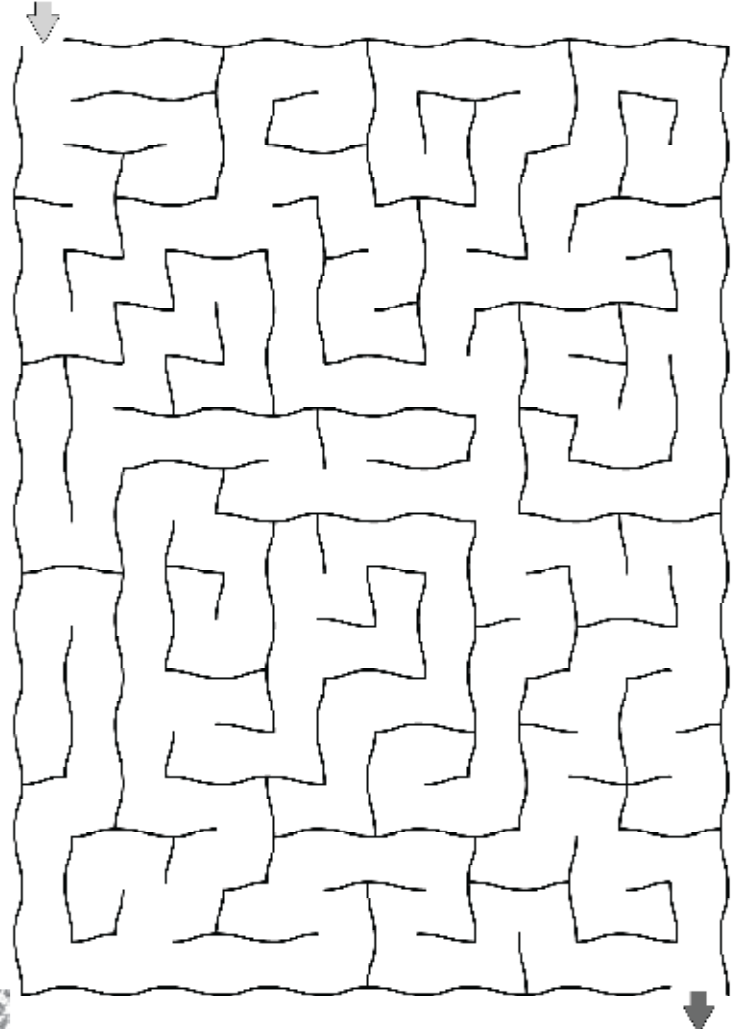
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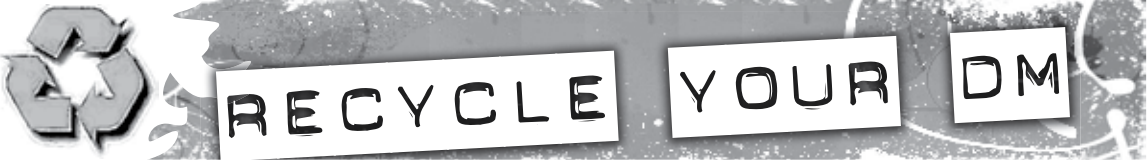
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OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION

Volleyball splits at South Carolina and No. 17 Florida



FILE PHOTO | The Daily Mississippian  
Junior Allegra Wells prepares to spike a ball in a match earlier this season against Mississippi State. Wells put down nine kills in a three-set win over South Carolina Friday, including one that landed her the No. 2 spot on SportsCenter Top 10 plays.

SUNDAY: FLORIDA 3, OLE MISS 0

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — It wasn't in the cards for the Rebels on Sunday despite a strong second set as Ole Miss (8-15, 5-11 SEC) couldn't find a rhythm in the first and third sets in a 3-0 loss to No. 17 Florida.

Regina Thomas led the Rebels with four kills and three blocks as a part of a .300 hitting performance against the Gators, while Amanda Philpot hit .333 with five kills.

"Hats off to Florida today," said Ole Miss head coach Joe Getzin. "They played a good game today at the service line and really put pressure on us from the start. We struggled with our first contact, and that put us into a deficit from the start. We're looking forward to getting back home and facing a pair of good squads in Tennessee and Kentucky next weekend."

Ole Miss will return to action next weekend with a pair of matches against top 20 teams with No. 16 Tennessee coming to

town on Friday night and No. 20 Kentucky on Sunday. Sunday's contest will be senior day for the Rebels as Ole Miss honors seniors Thomas and Morgan Springer.

FRIDAY: OLE MISS 3, SOUTH CAROLINA 0

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The Rebels got a balanced attack in an all-around team effort as Ole Miss pushed its winning streak to four straight games with a win over South Carolina on Friday by a score of 3-0.

Whitney Craven and Allegra Wells led the Rebels with nine kills each and both hit over .400 for the match to lead Ole Miss. Kara Morgan added eight kills in her homecoming as the Columbia, S.C., native helped push the team to the win.

Defensively, Thomas came up big at the net with eight blocks to go along with her seven kills, while Springer came up with 15 digs to lead the back row defense in the match.

"This was a great team effort tonight," Getzin said. "We played consistently all the way through. It was big to answer that South Carolina push in the third set, and we did it calmly but with intensity. Amanda Philpot really did a good job of distributing the ball tonight."

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tial report provided to The Associated Press suggested the school could owe the Big 12 as much as \$26 million, though both Nebraska and Colorado negotiated significantly lower exit fees than what they were legally obligated to return.

The Big 12 first needed to have a replacement for Missouri lined up, because the conference needs 10 schools to fulfill its TV contracts. The conference took care of that and bid farewell to Missouri 10 days ago, when it invited West Virginia from the Big East to join. The league did not even list Missouri among the schools it anticipated would be competing in the Big 12 next year.

"The decision by the University of Missouri to leave the Big 12 Conference is disappointing," interim Big 12 Commissioner Chuck Neinas said in a statement Sunday. "Mizzou has been a valuable member, with a Conference connection to schools in the Big 12 that dates back to 1907. I personally believe this decision is a mistake and that Missouri is a better fit in the Big 12."

Despite what the SEC and Big 12 plan, the Big East still will have a say in when Missouri and West Virginia will be allowed to start competing in their new conference homes.

Big East Commissioner John Marinatto has been adamant

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**Name:** University of Missouri  
**Nickname:** Tigers  
**Location:** Columbia, Missouri (108,500 pop.)  
**Enrollment:** 24,901  
**Colors:** Black and MU Gold  
**Mascot:** Truman the Tiger  
**Head Coach:** Gary Pinkel, 10th year (77-49)  
**Conference:** Big 12, South-eastern Conference (effective July 1, 2012)  
**All-time Record:** 622-515-52  
**2010 Record:** 10-3  
**National Championship:** None  
**Conference Championships:** 15  
**Notable Football Alumni:**

Blaine Gabbert — Quarterback, Jacksonville Jaguars — 10th pick of 2011 NFL Draft  
Jeremy Maclin — Wide Receiver, Philadelphia Eagles — 19th pick of 2009 NFL Draft  
Kellen Winslow — Hall of Fame tight end  
**Other Notable Alumni:**  
Kenneth Lay — Former CEO of Enron  
Brad Pitt — Actor  
Sam Walton — Founder of Walmart  
**Interesting Fact:**  
The NCAA, as well as Jeopardy! and Trivial Pursuit, all recognize Missouri as the school that invented and hosted the first "Homecoming" in 1911, an event that has developed into a national ritual.

about enforcing the league's 27-month notification period and holding West Virginia in the conference for the next two years. West Virginia filed a lawsuit challenging that rule and the Big East countered with a lawsuit asking the courts to make the school abide by its contract.

The Big East is in rebuilding mode now and is expected to start adding new members in the next few days. The league last week approved inviting Boise State, Navy and Air Force for football only and SMU, Houston and Central Florida for all sports.

Its goal is to form a 12-team

football league, but even if all the schools its targeting accept invitations, there are various hurdles that would have to be cleared — including waiting periods and exit fees — to have them in the Big East by 2012. So it's possible Missouri could be stuck in the Big 12 until West Virginia can depart from the Big East.

Missouri will likely compete in the SEC's East division, according to Arkansas Athletic Director Jeff Long, who suggested such a move his Twitter account. The other East schools are Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, South Carolina, Tennessee and Vanderbilt.

OLE MISS SPORT INFORMATION

USTA/ITA National Indoor Roundup: Boxx and Guthrie reach consolation finals

Boxx goes out in the second round of singles, Boxx and Guthrie conclude play in doubles

FLUSHING, N.Y. — Senior Kristi Boxx of the Ole Miss women's tennis team won a tight first set, but couldn't hang on against the No. 4 seed, Mallory Burdette of Stanford in the second round of the USTA/ITA National Indoor Championships Friday at the Billie Jean King USTA National Tennis Center.

Earlier in the day, Boxx teamed up with fellow senior Abby Guthrie to reach the semifinals of the doubles consolation. The 19th-ranked duo rallied to defeat Marie-Pier Huet and Whitney Ritchie of Oklahoma 9-7. Trailing 4-1 early, the Rebels came back to tie the match at 6 before winning 9-7.

The Ole Miss women's tennis senior duo of Kristi Boxx and Abby Guthrie concluded play in the USTA/ITA National Indoor doubles consolation with a win Saturday in the semifinals at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

Boxx and Guthrie, ranked No. 19 in the nation, downed

Alabama's Alexa Guarachi and Mary Anne Macfarlane 8-4 in the semifinals. They improved to 2-1 against the Alabama duo this year and avenged the loss to them in the semifinals of the Southern Regional.

The Rebel duo was supposed to play Robin Anderson and Skylar Morton of UCLA in the final, but due to travel arrangements for Sunday, the match was not played. Boxx and Guthrie finished the fall 9-4.

Lutjen and Backstrom fall in first round of consolation doubles

FLUSHING, N.Y. — Ole Miss men's tennis players Jonas Lutjen and Johan Backstrom ended their stay in New York Friday, falling in the first round of the USTA/ITA National Indoor consolation doubles at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

The Rebel duo dropped an 8-5 decision to the 13th-ranked Nebraska team of Christopher Aum Mueller and Benedikt Lindheim. Lutjen and Backstrom were tied at 5-5, but lost the last three games. The duo finished the fall at 6-2.

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# Missouri to SEC is done deal

COLUMBIA, Mo. — After weeks of waiting, Missouri's move to the Southeastern Conference became official on Sunday.

The SEC released a statement saying the conference's presidents and chancellors unanimously agreed to welcome Missouri into the league effective July 1, 2012.

"The presidents and chancellors of the Southeastern Conference

are pleased to welcome the University of Missouri to the SEC," said Florida President Bernie Machen, who is scheduled to join Missouri chancellor Brady Deaton and SEC commissioner Mike Slive at a campus news conference and public celebration of the move later Sunday. "The University of Missouri is a prestigious academic institution with a strong athletic

tradition and a culture similar to our current institutions."

Missouri will be leaving the Big 12, a conference it has been a part of since 1907, including its days as the Big Eight and earlier incarnations such as the Big Six. The school could also face the end of annual athletic contests with neighboring Kansas, a rivalry with roots in the Civil War. The teams first met on the football field in 1891, the sport's oldest traditional matchup west of the Mississippi River.

The Big 12's uncertain future drove the move, said Missouri Chancellor Brady Deaton, who until last month was the conference's chairman — and public face of the league's battle for survival after losing Nebraska and Colorado last year and Texas A&M, which will join Missouri in a 14-team SEC.

"The Southeastern Conference is a highly successful, stable, premier athletic conference that offers exciting opportunities for the University of Missouri," Deaton said. "In joining the SEC, MU partners with universities distinguished for their academic programs and their emphasis on student success. The SEC will provide our student-



INFO GRAPHIC BY PETRE THOMAS | The Daily Mississippian

The SEC released a statement saying the conference's presidents and chancellors unanimously agreed to welcome Missouri into the league effective July 1, 2012. The map shows the likely Eastern and Western divisions, including recent additions Texas A&M and Missouri.

athletes with top flight competition and unparalleled visibility. We came to this decision after careful consideration of the long term best interests of our university.

"We believe the Southeastern Conference is an outstanding home for the Mizzou Tigers, and we take great pride in our association with this distinguished league."

The announcement came as no surprise after Missouri's governing board gave Deaton the permission to change leagues in early October and then granted him broad authority two weeks later to

negotiate directly with the SEC. From that point on, it seemed only a matter of time before the Tigers said goodbye to the Big 12 - especially after an SEC vendor mistakenly posted a congratulatory press release on the conference website welcoming Missouri before its hasty removal.

The delay was likely to due to concerns over the timing of Missouri's departure as well as the amount of the financial penalty the school must pay the Big 12 for breaking its contract. A confiden-

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